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Case No.: **9683/175**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Masakazu NISHIDA et al.

Serial No.: 10/810,500

Filing Date: March 26, 2004

For: A METHOD FOR MANAGING
DATA SHARING AMONG
APPLICATION PROGRAMS

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 2661

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of

record. A copy of the listed document required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Prior art reference A1 is in Japanese. Applicants are submitting an English abstract of the reference.

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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

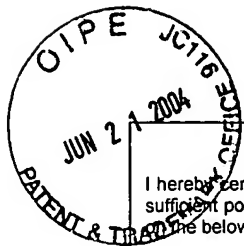
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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (in dup.), Form PTO-1449, 1 Cited Reference, Submission of Foreign Priority Document, Priority Document (JP2003-091527)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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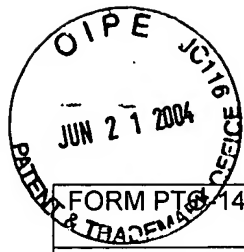
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Respectfully submitted,

June 18, 2004
Date

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	A1	JP2002-312215 A	10/25/2002	Japan		Abstract
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OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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